

D. AWARDS / PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

- D-1 Awards – None
  - D-2 Proclamations – None
  - D-3 Presentations – None
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E. CONSENT CALENDAR


In accordance with the report and recommendation of the City Manager, Council, on motion of Council Member Land, Hansen second, unanimously approved the following items hereinafter set forth **except those otherwise noted**:

- E-1 Claims were approved in the amount of \$2,770,641.43.
  - E-2 The minutes of November 20, 2002 (Regular Meeting), November 26, 2002 (Shirtsleeve Session), December 10, 2002 (Shirtsleeve Session), December 10, 2002 (Special Meeting), December 17, 2002 (Shirtsleeve Session), December 17, 2002 (Special Meeting), December 24, 2002 (Shirtsleeve Session), and December 31, 2002 (Shirtsleeve Session) were approved as written.
  - E-3 Authorized the sale of scrap wire and metal at periodic intervals during the calendar year 2003.
  - E-4 Adopted Resolution No. 2003-01 awarding the bid for the purchase of 40 single-phase padmount transformers to the bidders whose proposals and equipment met City of Lodi specifications, and whose transformers are expected to yield the lowest overall life-cycle costs:

Howard Industries, Laurel, MS	30 ea. 50kVA 240/120V 1ph	\$31,743.15
Western States Electric, Portland, OR	10 ea. 75kVA 240/120V 1ph	<u>\$12,358.93</u>
		\$44,102.08
  - E-5 Adopted Resolution No. 2003-02 awarding the contract for security at Hutchins Street Square to Windwalker Security Patrol, of Thornton.
  - E-6 "Adopt resolution accepting donation of seven antique phonographs from the Stanley Kirst Estate" was **removed from the Consent Calendar and discussed and acted upon under the Regular Calendar**.

Mayor Pro Tempore Howard congratulated Jeffery Kirst on being selected Realtor of the year by the Lodi Association of Realtors.
  - E-7 Adopted Resolution No. 2003-03 authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease renewal agreement for the use of Maple Square Firehouse, 2 East Lodi Avenue, with Alcoholics Anonymous, in care of Dino Radotic.
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F. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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- Joyce Harmon stated that the proliferation of mistletoe is killing Lodi's trees. She explained that mistletoe is a deadly parasite that infiltrates the bark of the tree and is spread by birds. To remove mistletoe it must be cut one foot back toward the trunk from the point of attachment. Ms. Harmon reported that last spring she organized 105 residents and lot owners in a nearby community and obtained 98% cooperation in mistletoe removal. She distributed a flier and photos to Council (filed). She believed that mistletoe eradication will only be possible through an ordinance, as has been done in eastern cities (e.g. Battlecreek, Michigan) where homeowners are fined if they do not remove mistletoe from their privately-owned trees.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Public Works Director Prima reported that mistletoe in Lodi has been addressed in the past, although not consistently. He explained that there are certain species that are more prone to mistletoe and stated that staff would be returning to Council later this year with a report on a recent survey of all City trees.

Council Member Hansen stated that he would be in favor of exploring the possibility of a mistletoe ordinance.

- Mayor Hitchcock stated that she had received reports of flooding on Lockeford Street and asked Mr. Prima to provide Council with a status report.

Mr. Prima recalled that during heavy storms over the past few months there was street flooding in a number of locations and particularly on Lockeford Street between Mills Avenue and Ham Lane. He suggested that upcoming budget discussions include recommendations for improvements of the control structure at Graves Park, the Lodi Lake pump station, and replacing pipes to increase size.

Mayor Hitchcock stated that one of the residents on Lockeford Street has owned her home for 40 years, and for the past 20 years, her garage has flooded annually.

Mr. Prima explained that Public Works does not have 24-hour crews. During the graveyard shift, calls to the dispatch center go to an answering service. He suggested that to improve response time during non-working hours staff could be assigned (and paid) to be on standby.

Mayor Hitchcock asked what had been done after this issue was brought up last year.

Mr. Prima replied that the weir was lowered at Graves Park. It could be lowered further; however, it would first be necessary to fix a hydraulic condition and the trash rack. The basin modification would need to be done prior to increasing the pipe size.

Addressing City Manager Flynn, Council Member Land noted that this is the second time this problem had been brought before Council and it should be corrected. He stated that property at 1618 W. Lockeford Street floods, and suggested that if it were an area with more expensive homes the situation would have been addressed more quickly. Last year the property owner had been promised that barricades would be put up to prevent motorists from traveling on the flooded street and creating waves. He recommended that if Public Works staff is not available, that the Police Department put up the barricades.

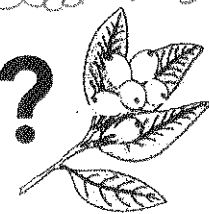
Council Member Hansen concurred with Mr. Land and agreed that this matter should be considered a high priority.

In response to questions posed by Council Member Hansen, Mr. Prima explained that Lodi's drainage system is designed to handle a certain amount of water in a certain amount of time. It works differently when the basins are full versus when they are empty. In areas where there are a lot of trees, leaves can plug up the catch basins and flood intersections very quickly. Homes on Lockeford Street were built in the 1950s and 1960s when lot grading requirements were very different. The pad of new homes today are one and a half to two feet above the street, whereas on Lockeford Street the garages are only one or two inches above the street. The subdivision on the southwest corner of Lodi Avenue and Lower Sacramento Road is a weak spot that tends to flood sooner than other areas. Another area that floods is Crescent Avenue south of Lodi Avenue; however, there is little that can be done to improve it without changing the street and neighborhood. In reference to the intersection of Applewood and Paradise Drives, Mr. Prima stated that many homes that appear relatively new were designed to standards of the early 1980s. In addition, newer homes have drainage pipes connected to downspouts and from backyards, which brings runoff into the streets quickly. In summary, he pointed out that Lodi is a flat city, which makes drainage difficult and expensive to deal with.

U filed 1-2-03



# **GOT MISTLETOE?**



## **SAVE OUR TREES**

### **BE AWARE**



Join your  
neighbors in  
an effort to  
eradicate this  
**PARASITE**

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Joyce Harmon  
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## **MISTLETOE KILLS TREES**

**It's only a matter of time -  
The infected trees are dying  
To have Lodi designated as a "TREE CITY U.S.A."  
We must eliminate MISTLETOE!!!**

